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THE ALTENBURG CASE

By GEORGE DYRE ELDRIDGE

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(Continued.)

You can understand my perplexity when the vault was uncovered and the money and papers still failed us. There was no reasonable conclusion then save that robbery was the purpose of the murder. There were footprints in the dust, but they told very little, excepting that it was a man who had been there last, which was equivalent to determining that the robber was a man. But I could find no man who knew of the vault. I tested Horace and was convinced of his ignorance. At the same time that I found him the owner of a duplicate pistol to the one found in the vault. It was an easy matter to find where the pistols had been bought, for he had bought two, and I also found out that he had only one at that time.

"My next step was that I found the footprints of a larger man than either of the Caldens, so that I had Horace's pistol in the hands of the man who had robbed the vault, and that man a larger one than Horace. His father, the vault, moreover, had not been entered by force, but in the regular way, the work done in an orderly manner, and the vault closed when it was done. A man who did not know the vault, even if he had the keys, must have bungled the job somewhere, and could not have proceeded with the time at his command, so deliberately as to leave matters as they were. In brief, the stamp of familiarity was everywhere. It was here that the fact of Horace and Judith having arrived at the farm close on to 8 o'clock came in to help to measure the actual time between the murder and the completion of the robbery.

"Of course, the identity of the footprints with Altenburg's own boots was easily ascertained; but then footprints made with boots may mean very little, and especially in a case like this, for I soon learned that the man whom I should suspect, if I could find that he was alive, was a man very close in size to Altenburg, and one who would naturally wear much the same sized boot.

"Next I found out that Altenburg had years before been insured, and I got hold of his application. Among the questions this form asked was for marks of identification, and the one given by Altenburg was a scar on the left arm, just above the elbow, made by a man who attacked and attempted to rob him when he was cashier of a Boston bank. I then went to the vault and examined the body, only to find that there was no such scar. From that moment I was, of course, practically certain that Altenburg was the murderer. I believed, too, that Clayton was the victim, in spite of the evidence I seemed to get that he was dead."

"But what put you on Clayton's track, anyway?" asked Horace.

"The close association of Altenburg, at all times up to the time of his coming here, with Clayton, which I confirmed during my trip to New York. Clayton had been Altenburg's confidential clerk in the Venezuelan Syndicate. Whatever there was in Altenburg's life that was off-color, Clayton was the man most likely to know of it. Now, what was a man, whom current report showed to be dead, visiting another so secretly for? I smacked of blackmail. As I said to Mr. Beckwith before, Altenburg undoubtedly felt protected so long as the man didn't come to the house, where he kept his papers and money. When Mrs. Calden went away the fear of recognition in coming to the house disappeared and Altenburg at once put in a phone. Of course I was acting on the suspicion that Altenburg was the real defaulter, and that Clayton knew it, as he was, if such was the case, the man most likely to find that the first part of this suspicion had been gaining ground in New York for some time.

"Of course, Clayton could scarcely have had Horace's pistol, unless he had taken it from Altenburg after the murder, but Altenburg could not readily have had it, if Horace had left it during one of his visits to the house."

"It was Dr. Grimbleshaw, as you know, who struck the trail of Altenburg's escape. I had failed to find a trace of Billings during the days when the murderer must have got away, but now I knew that when he returned the first time it was by way of the Canadian Pacific, and that he had just arrived home, and before any one knew anything about the Altenburg murder, when Altenburg came to him, and forced him, by threats coupled with the promise of liberal pay, to take him to Canada. At this time Altenburg's shrewdness was shown, for it was he who made Billings take him by a different route than the ordinary one, and this simple device helped materially to throw me off the track. If he'd been as shrewd all the way through he'd have escaped, for the time at least, for it was simply his refusal to pay the men who took him from St. Martins what he had agreed to pay that led to the dispute and delay, but for which we could not have overtaken him at the creek, and you know that we would not have dared follow him farther into that nest of banditti, who were bound to have the robbery of him, dead or alive."

"When it came to parting with money," said Mr. Calden, "it was like parting with his very life-blood."

"What was Billings doing in the woods that day that Philip frightened Fry so?" asked Judith.

"When he interfered with a law officer in the discharge of his duties merely to amuse a young lady? Why, Altenburg had left the house with two bags. He found them too heavy to carry far and he hid one in the woods. When he found Billings he insisted on going back for it. Billings refused to do this, but promised to get it through to Canada for him later. It was this bag he was hunting for. Fry was fol-

lowing him merely because of his connection with Mr. Calden's attempted escape. We afterward found the bag, with some papers and two thousand dollars in money in it."

"Well, why did Altenburg kill Clayton?" asked Beckwith, whose interest made him forget that of right he ought to know without asking.

"That," replied Trafford, "is one of the questions that we shall never be able to answer exactly, for the only two men who knew are dead. The best judgment I can form runs something like this: Clayton had come to the house with the purpose to get hold of papers and money, if possible, but particularly papers that would be the means of extorting money in the future. He knew Altenburg well enough to feel certain that the papers existed. Probably Altenburg expected to get rid of him after one night, and also felt comparatively safe, knowing that the papers and money were not where they were easy to find. He put Clayton in the attic, and probably meant he should stay there until he went away. Clayton, however, came out during the day and started David on his drunk. He may have begun his search at the same time. If not, he probably did make the search of the bedroom while Altenburg was at supper and while he was having his quarrel with David. Then, I think, he must have come downstairs, probably while Altenburg had stepped out of the room. He began his search of the desk, had broken open the drawer, or was breaking it open when Altenburg returned. The rest is easy to see—a quarrel and Clayton is killed. The flight was probably the result of impulse and lack of time to consider, though it is within the possible that he had learned that Mr. Calden had left Hacklebury, and he felt that he could not withstand the combination of circumstances. It may have been simply a verification of the old saying about conscience making cowards of us all. As I said, here we are on ground that we shall never be able to examine with surety."

Grimbleshaw turned to Mr. Calden. "How much of the story you told me that night at the camp was made out of whole cloth?"

"Less than you might think. Everything was as it happened up to the moment when I opened the door into Altenburg's room and saw him, not sitting at his desk, as I said, but stretched upon the floor, wounded to death. It was the memory of that that made me stop and almost prevented my going on with my story. I tried to get him upstairs, as I described, but was so overcome by what had happened and the terrible suspicions that it aroused that I could not. I telephoned and then hurried from the house, as I told you."

"That clears up everything, I believe," said Trafford, "excepting what Horace was doing the two hours that he was unaccounted for. I could have told him at any time that he was at the lake, getting the camp ready for his father—that is, I knew from the beginning almost that he was miles away from the Altenburg house at the time he said he was there and killed Altenburg. Of course, Horace's story gained a little appearance of probability from his having concealed this as soon as he felt he might have to take desperate means to save his father, and from his skillful use of facts that had become public before he told it, but he made the mistake, which so many men make when they attempt to fabricate, of going into far too many details. How a man with keen legal training like Mr. Beckwith here could have torn that story to pieces under cross-examination!"

"Well," said Horace, "winning a trifle under Trafford's polite but effective way of disposing of his story, 'if there is anything more that any one wants to know let it be asked to-night, for from now on I vote that we treat this part of our lives as a closed book, and put it as far away from our coming days as it's possible to put it, at least with Dr. Grimbleshaw on hand as one of the acquisitions out of the affair. Is there anything more?'"

"Yes," said Beckwith, "we've congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Calden and everybody in general. Isn't there some special congratulation to be done Miss Judith, for instance?"

"If it's subject for congratulation that she's to become Mrs. Grimbleshaw as soon as she decently can," said the doctor, "there's special congratulations due her, for that's the fact, which I violate no professional confidence in making public. If you don't think it a matter of special congratulation to her, turn her batteries on me and fire away, for whatever the amount it's coming to me and it can't be overdone."

One after the other offered formal congratulations till only Beckwith, not wont by any means to be the last in any company, was alone left.

"I do congratulate you, Grimbleshaw, with all my heart," he said. "It isn't good for any man to be so wedded to his profession that he forgets that he's out into the world to be something else besides a doctor, or a lawyer, or whatever he may chance to be in that direction. I've learned that much from experience. A woman would have had a tough time trying to whip me into something resembling a man, rounded out and developed in all that a man ought to be. I've got a notion that Miss Judith has taken quite a contract with you; but, still, you've got twenty years' advantage, and twenty years ago a good woman could, I verily believe, have done something with me."

"Now, that's a good long sermon, but I'm charged with something I hope Miss Judith will like even better. When the Venezuela Syndicate receivers found that your father's resolution couldn't be shaken, they felt that he had, for the sake of following his own

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Judith looked at the certificate, and then turned to her father, who sat with bowed head, as if he recognized a difficulty that he saw no way to meet. After a moment of silence she asked:

"Shall I take it, father?"

Then for an instant longer the perplexity showed in his face, after which he looked up with a smile and said: "I'm a father now only in love. Let Philip speak for you."

She turned to Grimbleshaw with the question in her eye.

"Yes," he said, "and let Beckwith here take his punishment, that he draw a deed that shall place it absolutely in your hands, beyond all doubt, no want may ever come during their lives to those who have suffered so unjustly, but have triumphed so nobly."

(THE END.)

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HOUSEHOLD NOTES

After washing a lamp chimney, polish it with dry salt. In selecting a pumpkin, take one that is glossy and flat on the ends. To banish the odor of paint, place a pan full of cold water in the room. Toast water is a soothing and healing drink for sufferers from bronchitis.

Cookbooks should be covered with waxed paper to keep them in good condition. Whiting mixed to a cream with tepid water is excellent for dirty painted surfaces. Sponging with hot vinegar will remove an objectionable shine from

woolen garments. When sand cannot be had, bath brick can be used to scrub wooden articles, tables, etc.

Olive oil, slightly warmed, is excellent as a means of softening the skin around the nails.

In time water localities, keep an oyster shell in your teakettle to receive the lime deposits.

To prevent wooden pails or tubs from shrinking when not in use, paint them over with glycerine.

Over-salting of food is very often counteracted by using a teaspoonful of vinegar and one of sugar.

To bake potatoes quickly, place them close together in the oven and cover with an inverted pieplate.

Cornmeal dough, mixed with borax scattered about in kitchen corners, will cause insects to disappear.

Vanilla extract should be kept in a very dark place, as it is apt to lose its strength when exposed to the light.

Finger marks and stains on porcelain, wood and window panes can be easily removed with coal oil on a clean cloth.

Dish cloths should be boiled every day in water to which has been added washing soda or a teaspoonful of kerosene.

To drive away red ants place sprigs of parsley wherever the ants are not. It should be renewed twice a week.

When too busy to bandage a small cut on the end of a finger, put a bit of clean linen upon it and then put on a thimble.

If fish are fried on the pancake griddle they will not stick and can be taken up without danger of them falling to pieces.

If a piece of woolen material is scorched, rub the spot with soft bread. When the scorch disappears, follow with a soft brush.

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

A typewriter was patented in England as early as 1714.

The United States leads the world in the production of rosin and turpentine.

Paris has 62 electric street car lines, carrying 100,000,000 passengers a year. It takes five years of hard usage to wear away a modern wooden pavement one inch.

On an average it requires about two productive acres of land to support each inhabitant of a country. The Italian Government plans to expend \$20,000,000 to develop its first naval base on the Adriatic at Ancona.

A wire rack for carrying papers, cigars or other small articles, in the hat has been patented by a Pittsburg man.

Work is under way on the first locomotive ever built in Chile, the first of an order of five for the Government.

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rugated galvanized iron have been placed on the market by a western metal company.

A magnetized ten-cent tack hammer recently was used by a St. Louis doctor to draw a steel splinter from a patient's eye.

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